

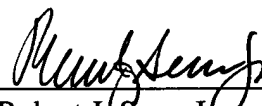
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**U.S. Application No. To be assigned**

**Attorney Docket No. Q65210**

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are made in order to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**APPENDIX**  
**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

9. (Amended) A novel copolymer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein said novel copolymer has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) in terms of polystyrene of from 7000 to 30000 and a molecular-weight distribution (Mw/Mn, where Mn is a number average molecular weight) of equal to or less than 3.5.